

KARO-ECHO Membership Meeting

October 13, 2021

via Zoom

(Howdy filling in for Tom on Minutes)

Attendees

Howdy Goudey	KE6BEE
Don Simon	NI6A
Hal Graboske	KK6NDF
Annette McCoubrey	KJ6SWK
Larry Vanselow	KK6GIO
Frans Kuypers	KJ6IUV
Diane Richwine	KK6RED
David Swanson	KJ6AAT
Curt Smith	KM6HFT
Jerry Michaels	K6KOP
Karen Leong Fenton	KK6ZPM
Jay Fenton	KJ6WSS
Michael Gold	AJ6RZ
Martha Richards	K6ELO

Agenda:

- Call to order
 - Introductions
 - Approval of Minutes
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- Training and Operations - Howdy
 - Preparation for Fall SET
 - Sat., Nov. 13, 10-12pm
 - encourage deployment to hubs and mobile operation
 - potentially incorporate What 3 Words, digital messaging, etc.
 - Digital Net report
 - FL-digi, weekly, Mondays, 1900
- Old business
 - Reiterate recruitment of new officers (coming "retirements")
 - GMRS radio update - Hal
 - El Cerrito - Kensington Disaster Plan update - Hal
 - KCC meeting access update - Hal
- New business

- Solicit input for updates to the KARO ECHO constitution, committee to draft
 - Potential Richmond ham cram - licensing opportunity and potentially need for VE volunteers
- Tech./Infrastructure
 - Potential to to acquire free 440/GMRS repeater for KARO ECHO
 - Goal to get up to three new patch boxes in place before (and used during) the Fall SET
 - KCC
 - Cerrito Vista
 - Canyon Trail
- Elmering
 - Recent request/updates
- Treasurer/Funding
 - Treasurer report
- Outreach/PR/web
- Neighborhood nets and Comm. hubs
 - 1st Wed., reports
- Adjourn

The meeting was called to order.

A motion was made, seconded, and passed to approve the August meeting minutes.

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Training session

Planning for fall SET

- Set date Nov. 13, covered, net operation, messaging, and addition of digital traffic.

Digital Communication Mode Practice Net

- Report on weekly digital nets since September member meeting. Roughly 10 KE operators have successfully sent and received digital messages using FLdigi and FLmsg.

Business session

Old business

- Reminder about the coming election of KE officers. President and treasurer do not have returning volunteers. A nomination committee was formed with Don NI6A and Annette KJ6SWK to collect nominations.
- Received updates from Hal on status of Kensington Community center access, Kensington Disaster plan and the Kensington Boards.

New business

- Created a committee to draft changes to the KE constitution and bring back to the membership for comment and vote (comprised of Don NI6A and Martha K6ELO)
- Announcement of potential Richmond ham cram

Technical / Infrastructure

- Opportunity to get a 440band/GMRS repeater from club in SF, but turns out to be a request for host site, not a gift of equipment
- No progress reported on antennas/patchboxes.

Treasurer report

- The treasurer report is available in the KE website and newsletter.

Elmering

- NI6A has been providing ongoing help on multiple subjects.

Outreach / Recruiting

- No update

Neighborhood Nets / EOC Transmitter Checks

- No updates

A motion was made, seconded, and approved to adjourn the meeting.